

List of Websites of use to Family Historians

family history federation	Family History Federation – useful information and resources.
general register office	Birth registrations up to 1916, with the maiden name of the mother prior to 1911. Death registrations prior to 1957 with the age at death prior to 1866. This is the site from which birth, marriages and death certificates may be ordered provided no earlier than 1837.
free reg	Baptism, marriages and burials arranged by county. This is not a complete coverage and has many gaps.
uk census online	Free search – then subscription for census records.
find a grave	162 million records from cemeteries, many with photographs – now part of Ancestry.
probate search service	Death Dates for 45% of the population up to recent time. Costs about £1.50 for an electronic copy of a will.
lost cousins	Register for a monthly newsletter; helps you stay up to date with additions to on-line resources, general tips about research and for a paid subscription helps provide access to cousins you didn't know you had or lost contact with.
uk national archives	A significant collection of documents many of which may be accessed on-line. Wills from 1384 to 188. May be searched for and then viewed on-line for £3.50.
genuki	GENUKI provides a virtual reference library of genealogical information of particular relevance to the UK and Ireland. It is a non-commercial service, maintained by a charitable trust and a group of volunteers.
Free UK Genealogy	Free UK Genealogy provides free, online access to family history records. We work with a team of dedicated volunteers to create high-quality transcriptions of public records from governmental sources, parish churches, and other trusted institutions
free bmd	Transcription of the Civil Registration index of births, marriages and deaths for England and Wales. Coverage is dependent on voluntary effort

FreeCEN	Access to transcriptions of free census information. Currently only up to 1891, coverage is dependent on voluntary effort.
FreeREG	Access to transcriptions of Parish Registers. Not all counties are covered and search is best done by County. Coverage is dependent on voluntary effort
family search organisation	Website of the Church of the Latter Day Saints with a free global database. The site enables you to construct and keep an on-line family tree and to print it out in various formats.
University of Leicester historical directories	Access to trade directories across England and Wales. Useful if you know the area you wish to search. Names are not indexed.
commonwealth war graves	War Graves Commission website. This may enable you to find the grave of a commonwealth ancestor who died in battle.
Scotlands people	Access to Scottish records – search is free, but image/transcription requires payment
Northern Ireland records	Access to Northern Irish records
Hugh Wallis roots webpage	This web page may be used to access individual register transcriptions in Family Search. If you know the county and area you are looking for this will give a more specific search within a local register. The information is related to International Genealogical Index (IGI) which keeps track of all transcriptions from parish registers, mainly births and marriages.

**Below are a list of the main paid for websites.
Either pay for access to individual records or pay an annual subscription.**

Ancestry	Search records worldwide – largest database. Create on-line trees with search to others but [WARNING] Such trees are not always researched adequately. US bias
FindMyPast	Search records worldwide. Create on-line trees with search to others but [WARNING] Such trees are not always researched adequately. UK bias
MyHeritage	Search records worldwide. Create on-line trees with search to others but [WARNING] Such trees are not always researched adequately. European bias
The Genealogist	Search records worldwide only. UK bias

Some Websites for researching in Ireland

irishgenealogy.ie/en/	has a good 'research in Ireland' tab on its home page with useful links plus civil registration documents for: births: 1864 to 1921; marriages: 1845 to 1946; deaths: 1871 to 1971 Some parish records, both Catholic and Church of Ireland.
genealogy.nationalarchives.ie	Censuses of Ireland, 1901 and 1911, and pre-1901 surviving ones Census Search Forms, 1841 – 51 Tithe Applotment Books, 1823 – 37 Wills Marriage Licence Bonds Indexes, 1623 – 1866 Valuation Office house, field, tenure books 1824 – 1856 and others.
askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation	Griffith's Valuation 1847 – 1850s
virtualtreasury.ie	Has many older records
registers.nli.ie	Has parish records to browse – once you know the parish
johngrenham.com	(a pay site but with a free quota of searches each day) has links to useful resources for each particular place name; also distribution of surnames mapped to help find where your ancestor came from
familysearch.org	is worth checking and has a useful guide to researching in Ireland in its 'Wiki' part

OTHER SITES – costs involved

findmypast.ie

has some parish records, Griffiths Valuation and quite a lot of others

ancestry.co.uk

has some too but like FindMyPast has transcription errors and omissions in their parish records

rootsireland.ie

has a lot of parish records with good transcriptions but is expensive

irishnewsarchive.com

for newspapers

ALSO

tiara.ie

The Irish Ancestral Research Association

and if you have a place name the old book, The General Alphabetical Index to the Townlands and Towns, Parishes and Baronies of Ireland, has more than 65000 entries and can be found on-line – just 'Google it.